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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: OXCART Status Summary**

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1. The following is a recapitulation of the number of flights, hours and status of A-12 aircrafts  through 22 February 1963:

a. Aircraft #121 made 54 flights for a total of 59.38 hours. 18 flights were made with one J-75 and one J-58 engine for a total of 14.52 hours.

b. Aircraft #122 (J-58 engine) made 3 flights for a total of 2.50 hours.

c. Aircraft #123 (J-75 engine) made 45 flights for a total of 70.11 hours.

d. Aircraft #124 (J-75 engine) made 30 flights for a total of 39.24 hours.

e. Aircraft #125 not yet flown.

2. Aircraft #121 still is in the process of reassembly, installation of J-58 engines and circumferential screens (see comment below) and rehabilitation after a detailed major inspection. The circumferential screens are being installed to cover shock-trap bleed and by-pass doors in the aircraft nacelles in order to reduce the possibility of damage to engines from undetected foreign objects that may be lodged in the nacelle structure. Estimate flight readiness date: about 8 March 1963.

3. Aircraft #122, equipped with J-58 engines, now is in the process of having circumferential screens installed. Estimated flight readiness date: about 28 February 1963.

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4. Aircrafts #123 and #124 now are ready for the resumption of test and training flights as may be required on 25 February.

5. Aircraft #125, not yet flown, is in the process of having J-58 engines and circumferential screens installed. In addition, the flight of this aircraft may be delayed to incorporate a new aircraft pressurized nose and ABC-50 communications equipment which are about ready for delivery. Estimated flight readiness date: 11 March 1963.

25X1 6. [ ] is heading a series of meetings, 25 - 27 February, of Headquarters, Lockheed, Firewel, Dave Clark and Air Force representatives, called for the purpose of reviewing pilot environment and equipment areas as a result of recent flight test experience.

25X1 7. A special OXCART suppliers' meeting, devoted to status, progress and problem areas, is scheduled to be held [ ] 1 March. Dr. Scoville will preside at the meeting.

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